(b) if so, the number of meetings held so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Retrenchment of Extra Departmental Employees

1607. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Extra Departmental employees retrenched during the period from January, 1986 to June, 1989;

(b) how many of them have been taken back on duty so far; and

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure security of job to Extra Departmental employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Emoluments of Branch Post Master and Extra Departmental Agents

1608. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what emoluments are being paid to a Branch Post Master for a workload of less than two hours of duty;

(b) in what manner they compare with the emoluments paid to Extra Departmental Agents for a similar workload of less than 2 hours;

(c) whether the emoluments of Extra Departmental Branch Post Masters have been fixed at a monthly rate of Rs. 197/- for one hour per day as recommended by the Extra Departmental Committee;

(d) if so, whether the same rates, as recommended by the Extra Departmental Committee, have also been made applicable to the Extra Departmental Employees other than Branch Post Masters; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The extra Departmental Branch Post Masters are paid a basic allowance on the basis of workload calculated on Point System. This basic allowance ranges between a minimum and a maximum of Rs. 275/- and Rs. 440/- per month depending upon the workload. In addition, they are paid Dearness Allowance, Office Maintenance Allowance, Delivery and Conveyance Allowance, wherever applicable.

(b) The basic allowance of other Extra Departmental Agents is fixed on the basis of workload calculated according to the norms applicable to corresponding categories of departmental employees. The basic allowance for less than 2 hours of workload in respect of other Extra Departmental Agents (other than E.D.S.P. Ms) is Rs. 240/- per month. In addition they get Dearness Allowance and Cycle Allowance, wherever applicable.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Keeping in view the overall interest of Extra-departmental employees, the Government have not accepted be fixation of allowances on hourly wages basis as recommended by he Extra Departmental Committee.

Defence Aircrafts and Helicopters at the Disposal of VIPs

1609. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of defence aircrafts and helicopters which have been